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JONES FIRE UPDATE (7/26)

St. George, Utah- Strong thunderstorm activity pushed the Jones Fire to make new runs to the southeast causing an increase in the fire's acreage. "Yesterday's erratic winds made it difficult for firefighters and air operations to get the upper hand", commented Jones Fire Incident Commander Larry Leforte, "the fire did receive some moisture from the storm and had higher relative humidity overnight which should assist fire personnel with achieving more containment on the fire today". Two C-130 airtankers from Hill Air Force Base worked the southeast side of the fire into the evening. Today's objective is to continue securing the fire's perimeter while suppressing interior hot spots.

Current Information on the Jones Fire:

Acres: 705

Start Date: Saturday, July 24, 2004

Cause: Lightning

Containment: 10%

Expected Containment: Wednesday, July 28@6pm

Fuels: Pinyon/juniper, mountain brush and some ponderosa pine

Terrain: Rough terrain

Total Personnel: 150

Crews: 4 Type 1 crew (Hotshots), 1 Type 2 crews

Equipment: 4 water tenders assisting the helicopters

Air Support: 1 (Type) helicopter, 2 helicopters (Type 2), and 1 helicopter (Type 3)

2 C-130 Airtankers.

Weather Conditions: Red Flag Warning has been downgraded. Erratic winds associated with thunderstorm activity are predicted this afternoon for Color Country.

Closures: Oak Grove Campground will remain closed until further notice and the public is asked to contact the Interagency Office in St. George at (435) 688-3200 for update information.

Currently 35 small fires are burning in Color Country. For information about fires and fire restrictions in southern Utah, call (435) 688-3333 in St. George or (435) 865-4696 in Cedar City. The latest fire information for Utah can be found at www.utahfireinfo.gov.

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